



# National Child Care Information Center

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## **FAITH-BASED CHILD CARE RESOURCES and ORGANIZATIONS**

The following organizations and resources have information about faith-based child care.

### **FEDERAL AGENCIES**

#### ■ **White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives**

The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500  
202-456-1414

World Wide Web: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/government/fbci/>

In January of 2001, the president established a White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (White House OFBCI), which will expand the work of faith-based and other community organizations to the extent permitted by law. This office was created to develop, lead, and coordinate the Administration's policy agenda affecting faith-based and other community programs and initiatives, expand the role of such efforts in communities, and increase their capacity through executive action, legislation, Federal and private funding, and regulatory relief.

On December 12, 2002, the White House issued an Executive Order that is intended to:

... guide Federal agencies in formulating and developing policies with implications for faith-based organizations and other community organizations, to ensure equal protection of the laws for faith-based and community organizations, to further the national effort to expand opportunities for, and strengthen the capacity of, faith-based and other community organizations so that they may better meet social needs in America's communities, and to ensure the economical and efficient administration and completion of Government contracts...

A complete copy of the Executive Order can be found on the Web at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2002/12/20021212-6.html>.

More information on the Administration's Faith-Based Initiative is available on the Web at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2001/01/20010129-2.html>.

- *Guidance to Faith-Based and Community Organizations on Partnering with the Federal Government* (2003), by the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, discusses President Bush's Faith-Based and Community Initiative, which suggests that faith-based charities should be able to compete on an equal footing for public dollars to provide public services. An overview is presented of the Federal grants

process and how to apply for a Federal grant. Legal issues are discussed that arise when faith-based groups receive Federal funds. This resource is available on the Web at: [http://www.whitehouse.gov/government/fbci/guidance\\_document.pdf](http://www.whitehouse.gov/government/fbci/guidance_document.pdf).

- **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)**  
**The Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (CFBCI)**  
200 Independence Avenue SW  
Washington, DC 20201  
202-358-3595  
World Wide Web: <http://www.hhs.gov/fbci/>

The mission of the CFBCI is to create an environment within HHS that welcomes the participation of faith-based and community-based organizations as valued and essential partners with the Department in assisting Americans in need. CFBCI's mission is part of HHS's focus on improving human services for the country's neediest. CFBCI is the leader of HHS's efforts to better utilize faith-based and community-based organizations in providing effective human services.

- **Faith-Based and Community Initiative (FBCI)**  
Administration for Children and Families (ACF)  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW  
Washington, DC 20447  
World Wide Web: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/fbci/>

The FBCI Web site features information on the Faith-Based and Community Initiative, highlights links to funding opportunities, offers descriptions of featured programs, and describes resources for faith-based and community organizations. The site also provides links to key Web sites, such as the HHS Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (CFBCI), the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, and the Compassion Capital Fund National Resource Center. To submit a question to the Faith-Based and Community Initiative staff, access the ACF Questions and Answers Support Page at [http://faq.acf.hhs.gov/cgi-bin/acfrighnow.cfg/php/enduser/std\\_alp.php](http://faq.acf.hhs.gov/cgi-bin/acfrighnow.cfg/php/enduser/std_alp.php).

- **Office of Family Assistance (OFA)**  
Administration for Children and Families  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
370 L'Enfant Promenade SW  
Washington, DC 20201  
World Wide Web: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ofa/>

OFA is the Federal office responsible for the administration of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant. The OFA Web site contains a variety of current and historical information about TANF in general and about reauthorization in particular, including: TANF work participation rates, TANF Annual Reports to Congress, a summary chart of selected characteristics of State TANF plans, TANF policy documents, and public comments on reauthorization. HHS has regulations for ensuring that faith-based programs are treated equally with other organizations in competing for funds under the TANF program. The regulations are available on the Web at [http://www.dhhs.gov/fbci/finalTANF\\_ccregs.pdf](http://www.dhhs.gov/fbci/finalTANF_ccregs.pdf).

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## NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

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■ **Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)  
Preschool Accreditation Program**

International Headquarters  
PO Box 65130  
Colorado Springs, CO 80962-5130  
719-528-6906  
World Wide Web: <http://www.acsi.org>

In 1978, ACSI began as the result of a union of several Christian school associations throughout the United States and Canada. ACSI has 16 regional offices in North America and around the globe. ACSI's membership is currently comprised of over 5440 member schools in 105 countries worldwide, representing approximately 1,180,000 students. Programs and services are designed to assist Christian schools at every grade level, including early education and higher education.

■ **Child Care Institute of America**

3612 Bent Branch Court  
Falls Church, VA 22041  
703-941-4329  
Contact: William Tobin

The Child Care Institute of America is a national, nonprofit organization that supports private-licensed, center-based, and ecumenical early childhood programs.

■ **Children's Defense Fund (CDF)**

Religious Action Division  
25 E Street NW  
Washington, DC 20001  
202-628-8787 (main number) or 202-662-3589  
World Wide Web: <http://www.childrensdefense.org>

CDF works in partnership with the religious community to respond to the needs of children through worship, direct service, education, community outreach, and advocacy. Some of CDF's ecumenical resources include the following:

- *The State of America's Children Yearbook 2001* is CDF's analysis of the status of U.S. children and covers: family income, health, child care and early education, food and nutrition, children and families in crisis, education, adolescent pregnancy prevention and youth development, and violence and crime;
- *Welcome the Child: A Child Advocacy Guide for Churches* (1994) helps churches initiate or strengthen efforts to help children through worship, education programs, outreach, and advocacy; and

Additional information about CDF's Religious Action Division is available on the Web at <http://www.childrensdefense.org/religiousaction/default.asp>.

■ **National Accreditation Council for Early Childhood Professional Personnel and Programs (NACECPPP)**

3612 Bent Branch Court  
Falls Church, VA 22041  
703-941-4329

Contact: William Tobin, Executive Director

Early Childhood Development Center Legislative Coalition

NACECPPP is a national, nonprofit organization established in response to needs identified by the center-based, private-licensed, and religious early-childhood community nationwide under the sponsorship of the Child Care Institute of America, the national association representing that community.

■ **North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center, Inc.  
Faith Partnerships, Inc.**

4021 Carya Drive  
Raleigh, NC 27610  
919-250-4314

World Wide Web: <http://www.ncruralcenter.org/research/faithcommunities.htm>

Faith Partnerships, Inc. is a nonprofit organization committed to bringing opportunity to the State's poorest individuals and families through the work of the faith community. Faith Partnerships grew out of an eight-year project of the Rural Center called the "Communities of Faith Initiative." The initiative involved hundreds of churches in delivering quality child care in rural North Carolina and in helping individuals who had been on welfare to gain skills, find jobs, and participate successfully in the labor force.

■ **National Council of Churches (NCC)**

475 Riverside Drive, Suite 850  
New York, NY 10115  
212-870-2227

World Wide Web: <http://www.ncccusa.org/>

Dedicated to ecumenical cooperation, NCC's 36 Protestant, Anglican and Orthodox member communions and denominations include more than 50 million persons in 140,000 local congregations in communities across the United States.

■ **National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW)**

53 West 23<sup>rd</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10010  
212-645-4048

World Wide Web: <http://www.ncjw.org>

NCJW is a volunteer organization, inspired by Jewish values, that works through a program of research, education, advocacy and community service to improve the quality of life for women, children and families. *Opening a New Window on Child Care: A Report on the Status of Child Care in the Nation Today* (1999) is available from NCJW.

■ **National Lutheran School Accreditation (NLSA)**

1333 South Kirkwood Road  
St. Louis, MO 63122  
314-996-1732 or 800-248-1930

World Wide Web: <http://dcs.lcms.org/>

NLSA is a process of self-evaluation followed by a visit by objective observers to help Lutheran schools improve the quality of their programs. This ongoing process of self-evaluation, improvement, and recognition is based on national standards for child care centers, early childhood, elementary, and secondary schools. All schools that are recognized by the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and The Lutheran Church of Canada—may apply.

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**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

■ *What Congregations Should Know About Federal Funding for Child Care* (2003) is a brochure by the Child Care Bureau, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Copies of the brochure are available from NCCIC at 800-616-2242 or on the Web at <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ccb/providers/faithbased.pdf>.

■ “Creating Faith-Based Child Care; Creando Centros de Cuidado de Niños de Base Religiosa” (January-February 2003), in *Children’s Advocate*, by Marissa Brownell, outlines steps to follow for congregation members interested in developing faith-based child care programs. Resources on faith-based child care are included. This document is also presented in Spanish. This resource is available on the Web at <http://www.4children.org/pdf/103aa.pdf>.

■ *Start-up Manual for Faith-Based Child Care Programs* (2002) by Debra Lawrence lists the steps in the process of opening a faith-based child care program. A checklist of preparatory tasks for opening a child care program is included. A list of resources of professional organizations that provide useful information concerning child care programs is also included. This resource is available from Child Care Connections at 719-638-2070 or on the Web at <http://www.childcareconnections.net>.

■ *The Role of Faith-Based Organizations in Child Care* (2001), by The Brookings Institution, is a transcript from a conference on the role of faith-based organizations in child care. It examines how congregation-based child care compares to the entire field of child care. This resource is available on the Web at <http://www.brookings.edu/comm/transcripts/20010314a.htm>.

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